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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MAN SENTENCED TO GUN OFFENSES

GREENBELT, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that Samuel Bush, aka Samuel Bush Wright, age 44, of the District of Columbia

was sentenced today to 188 months in prison for committing a series of gun offenses in February and March 2003. In addition, the defendant was ordered to pay restitution to the victims in the amount of about \$24,000, and to be on supervised release for 5 years following his imprisonment.

A federal jury convicted the defendant in November 2003 of Conspiracy, Theft of Firearms, Possession of Stolen Firearms, and being a Felon-In-Possession of a Firearm. The testimony and evidence presented at trial showed that the defendant, beginning in or about February 2003 until in or about March 2003, conspired with Roland A. Williams to break into several area federally licensed firearms dealerships to steal firearms. Specifically, the defendant and co-conspirator Williams broke into the Galyan's Trading Company located in Gaithersburg, Maryland and stole 23 firearms. Subsequently, the defendant and co-defendant attempted to break into two other federally licensed gun dealerships, The Gun Rack in Burtonsville, Maryland and A&D Pawn Shop

in Glen Burnie, Maryland in March 2003. The evidence also established that the defendant and his co-conspirator attempted to obtain firearms by breaking into the Galyan's Trading Store in Fairfax, VA in March 2003.

On November 13, 2003, co-defendant Roland A. Williams, of Landover, Maryland was sentenced to a term of 135 months in prison, followed by a term of 3 years' supervised release. Williams was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of about \$24,000, joint and several with Defendant Bush Wright.

The case is a result of a joint investigation between the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Montgomery County Police Department, and the Prince George's County Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Gina L. Simms.